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SUBJECT: MODE - PROPOSAL TO TRANSFER ERDA OFFICER POSITION
FROM USEC BRUSSELS TO BONN

1. THE ENERGY RESEARCH AND DEVELOPMENT ADMINISTRATION
(ERDA) HAS SUBMITTED A REQUEST TO REDEPLOY ONE OFFICER
POSITION FROM USEC MISSION BRUSSELS TO BONN, TO BE
EFFECTIVE AS SOON AS POSSIBLE.

2. JUSTIFICATION SUPPLIED BY ERDA IS AS FOLLOWS:

A. U.S. AND ERDA ENERGY R&D GOALS AND INTERESTS WOULD
BE CONSIDERABLY ENHANCED BY THE REALIGNMENT OF ERDA'S
OVERSEAS SCIENTIFIC REPRESENTATIVES, INCLUDING ASSIGNMENT
OF AN ERDA SCIENTIFIC REPRESENTATIVE AT THE U.S. EMBASSY,
BONN, TO PROVIDE A FOCAL POINT FOR U.S. ENERGY INTERESTS.

B. THE FRG HAS A HIGHLY INDUSTRIALIZED ECONOMY, WITH
EMPHASIS ON A SOPHISTICATED TECHNOLOGICAL BASE THAT HAS
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SIGNIFICANT INTERFACE WITHIN AND IMPACT ON THE U.S. IN

PARTICULAR THE GERMAN ENERGY R&D PROGRAM, ONE OF THE LARGEST IN EUROPE, IS CLOSELY ALIGNED WITH THE U.S. PROGRAM. BOTH THE U.S. AND THE FRG STAND TO BENEFIT FROM FURTHER

EXPANSION OF ENERGY TECHNOLOGY EXCHANGES, ESPECIALLY IN AREAS OF ADVANCED NUCLEAR TECHNOLOGY SUCH AS LIQUID METAL FAST BREEDER REACTOR, HIGH TEMPERATURE GAS-COOLED REACTOR, AND GAS COOLED BREEDER REACTOR. AN ERDA SCIENTIFIC REPRESENTATIVE STATIONED IN BONN WOULD GREATLY FACILITATE THE COORDINATION OF EXISTING AND POTENTIAL ENERGY TECHNOLOGY EXCHANGES, THEREBY ENSURING THAT A UNIFIED U.S. AND ERDA POSITION IS PRESENTED IN THE FRG. GIVEN THE LARGE NUMBER OF ERDA PERSONNEL INVOLVED IN THE ENCOURAGEMENT, NEGOTIATION AND IMPLEMENTATION OF U.S. - FRG COOPERATIVE ENERGY TECHNOLOGY PROGRAMS, THIS COORDINATION IS GREATLY NEEDED. THE STATIONING OF AN ERDA SCIENTIFIC REPRESENTATIVE IN BONN WOULD ALSO ENABLE A REDUCTION IN THE NUMBER OF ERDA TRIPS TO THE FRG.

C. AN ERDA SCIENTIFIC REPRESENTATIVE IN BONN COULD ALSO CLOSELY MONITOR TRENDS AND DEVELOPMENTS IN THE FRG'S INVOLVEMENT IN EUROPEAN AGREEMENTS FOR COMBINED ENERGY R&D, SUCH AS THE ANNOUNCED INTENT FOR A FRENCH-GERMAN NUCLEAR AGREEMENT, AND PROVIDE APPROPRIATE REPORTS TO THE U.S. ENERGY COMMUNITY. EFFORTS BY THE FRG AND OTHER EUROPEAN STATES IN NUCLEAR R&D AND CONSOLIDATION OF PRODUCTION AND MARKETING FACILITIES FOR PURPOSES OF CREATING A STRONG BASE FOR THE EXPORT OF NUCLEAR REACTORS AND COMPONENTS WOULD SEVERELY IMPACT THE U.S. AND SHOULD THEREFORE BE MONITORED. AN ERDA SCIENTIFIC REPRESENTATIVE IN BONN COULD ALSO PROVIDE VALUABLE INFORMATION CONCERNING THE FRG'S NUCLEAR EXPORT EFFORT IN TERMS OF NON-PROLIFERATION POLICIES AND THE EXTENT TO WHICH ARMAMENT (NON-NUCLEAR) SALES ARE TIED TO REACTOR SALES.

3. ERDA PROPOSES THAT THE ERDA SCIENTIFIC REPRESENTATIVE IN BONN BE INTEGRATED INTO THE STAFF OF THE COUNSELOR FOR SCIENTIFIC AND TECHNOLOGICAL AFFAIRS. OFFICER WOULD DEVOTE THE BALANCE OF HIS EFFORTS TO OTHER SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY ACTIVITIES PERTINENT TO THE EMBASSY. WITH THE PER-
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SPECTIVE PROVIDED BY INTEGRATION INTO THE COUNSELOR'S STAFF AND THE BROAD ENERGY PURVIEW PROVIDED BY ERDA, THE ERDA SCIENTIFIC REPRESENTATIVE COULD PROVIDE ASSISTANCE TO OTHER U.S. GOVERNMENT AGENCIES WITH NARROWER, OR LESS PERMANENT, ENERGY-ORIENTED INTERESTS IN THE FRG. A POSITION DESCRIPTION FOR THE PROPOSED POSITION HAS BEEN POUCHED TO THE SCIENCE AND ADMINISTRATIVE COUNSELORS.

4. BECAUSE ENERGY MATTERS IN U.S.-GERMAN AND U.S.-EUROPEAN RELATIONS ARE HIGHLY FLUID, THE ASSIGNMENT OF AN INDIVIDUAL TO THIS POSITION WOULD BE FOR A PERIOD OF TWO YEARS, DURING WHICH TIME PERIODIC EVALUATIONS OF THE

ASSIGNMENT WOULD BE CONDUCTED BY ERDA AND THE DEPARTMENT OF STATE. AT THE END OF TWO YEARS, SUBJECT TO MUTUAL AGREEMENT BY ERDA AND THE DEPARTMENT OF STATE, THE POSITION COULD BE CONTINUED.

5. ERDA WOULD CONTINUE TO PAYROLL THE OFFICER ASSIGNED TO FILL THIS POSITION. TRAVEL ASSOCIATED WITH THE POSITION, TO BE FUNDED BY ERDA, WOULD COVER TRANSFER COSTS TO BONN, AND RETURN TO THE U.S. UPON COMPLETION OF THE ASSIGNMENT, FOR THE INCUMBENT, HIS FAMILY AND HOUSEHOLD GOODS. FOLLOWING ADMINISTRATIVE SUPPORT WOULD BE EXPECTED ON A REIMBURSABLE BASIS: COMMUNICATIONS (PARTICULARLY TELEGRAM, TELEX, MAIL, TELEPHONE, ETC.), OFFICE SPACE, OFFICE FURNITURE AND MOTOR POOL SERVICES (IF AVAILABLE), OFFICE MAINTENANCE AND CLEANING, AND OFFICE SUPPLIES. ADVISE APPROXIMATE ANNUAL COST. CONCERNING SECRETARIAL SUPPORT, WASHINGTON PARTIES INVITE EMBASSY BONN VIEWS ON POSSIBILITY OF ABSORBING SUCH WORKLOAD, OR ALTERNATIVE ARRANGEMENTS, IF TRANSFER OF OFFICER IS APPROVED.

6. WOULD APPRECIATE COM REACTION TO THIS PROPOSAL, INCLUDING COMMENT CONCERNING IMPACT ON ADMINISTRATIVE AND SECRETARIAL SUPPORT CAPABILITIES. KISSINGER

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